DaVita Clarifies Dialysis Modality Comments

DaVita Inc., . The company is providing clarification to comments made at its capital markets day presentation on June 1st regarding the economics and timing of more frequent dialysis (MFD). DaVita does not expect Congress or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize any material payment for more frequent dialysis in the next few years.

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Without additional reimbursement for MFD, home hemodialysis for Medicare patients generates losses significantly greater than those of Medicare patients taken care of within a center. LeAnne Zumwalt, Vice President, Investor Relations stated, "The basic facts are: first, reimbursement from payors is not generally adequate to support more frequent dialysis; second, home technology specifically designed for more frequent dialysis does not provide adequate dialysis when used three times per week."

DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure. The Company provides services at kidney dialysis centers and home peritoneal dialysis programs domestically in 41 states, as well as Washington, D.C. As of March 31, 2006, DaVita operated or managed over 1,200 outpatient facilities serving approximately 98,000 patients.

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